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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

FAIRFIELD RESIDENT RECOGNIZED

CHARLESTON, IL--Beverly J. Fisher of Fairfield is the recipient of the Outstanding Alumnus Award from Eastern Illinois University's School of Home Economics.

The award is given annually to a home economics graduate who in his/her professional and personal life has been involved in and contributed to the field of home economics or related fields at local, state and national levels. Selection criteria also includes participation in community activities and service to others.

Fisher is director of the Illinois Eastern Community College District Adult Education Public Assistance Program at Frontier Community College in Fairfield.

She earned a bachelor's and master's degree in education/home economics from Eastern in 1960 and 1974, respectively, and a doctorate in educational administration from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale in 1992.

Fisher has been at Frontier Community College since 1975, when she joined the staff as a part-time instructor. She became director of the Adult Education Public Assistance Program in

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1983.

Her other professional experience includes Illinois State Board of Education school assessment team member for elementary schools in Southern Illinois, through the Regional Superintendent's Office. She also has served as a team leader for evaluation of adult education programs within the state of Illinois through Northern Illinois University. In addition, Fisher has been an educational consultant for the Coles County Association for Retarded Adults and a substitute teacher with assignments throughout Wayne County schools, working with the Wayne County Association for Retarded Adults.

She also has been a caseworker for the Illinois Department of Public Aid, social worker for the Department of Children and Family Services, physical education instructor for elementary and secondary schools in Rochester and a home economics teacher in Pittsfield.

Fisher has published widely and given presentations on a variety of topics, including adult education and literacy, during meetings of local, regional, state, national and international professional associations.

In addition to serving as president-elect for the Illinois Adult and Continuing Education Association, Fisher is a volunteer in technical assistance for the Literacy Volunteers of Illinois. She also is a certified teacher of elementary and secondary home economics and a certified home economist.

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She is active in numerous professional organizations, including Kappa Omicron Phi, a national honor society in home economics education; Kappa Delta Pi, educational honor society; and Pi Lambda Theta, national honor and professional association in education.

Fisher's community involvement includes that of Wayne County representative on the Cooperative Extension Council's Family Life Committee. She also has served on the Fairfield High School Home Economics Advisory Committee on vocational and technical education and Community Hospital Committee representing Frontier Community College and been a member of the Olney Chapter of Toastmaster International, Fairfield Rotary Club, Fairfield Business and Professional Women and Fairfield Women's Club.

She is a board member of the Wayne County Unit of the American Cancer Society and Stop Woman Abuse Now (SWAN) and a committee member for the July 1994 Miss Wayne County Fair.

Fisher and her husband, Raymond, have two children, Mrs. Elizabeth Brahler and Vincent Roy Fisher, both of Springfield.